IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. Claim 1 has been amended, claims 2-7 and 10-12 have been cancelled and claim 25 is newly presented. Support for these amendments may be found in the original disclosure, for example, the original claims now cancelled. No new matter has been added. Claims 13-24 were previously cancelled.

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A heavy-vehicle tire comprising a tread which is formed from a cross-linked rubber composition, the composition comprising:

(a) an elastomeric matrix comprising a functionalized diene elastomer co-polymer formed from a conjugated diene monomer and a vinyl-aromatic compound, the co-polymer having a glass transition temperature between - 70°C and - 20°C and a mass content of vinyl-aromatic units of from 10% to 50%, the elastomer having at one or more of its chain ends a functional group which is active for coupling to a reinforcing white filler, the functional group being selected from the group consisting of a silanol group and a polysiloxane block having a silanol end;

(b) a reinforcing filler comprising ~~a reinforcing white filler in~~ at least 50% by weight of silica, the silica having a CTAB specific surface area of from $80m^2/g$ to $260\ m^2/g$ ~~total reinforcing filler~~; and

(c) a reinforcing white filler/functionalized diene elastomer bonding agent.

2-7 and 10-12 (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The heavy-vehicle tire according to Claim 1, wherein the reinforcing white filler/functionalized diene elastomer bonding agent is a polysulphurized alkoxysilane.

9. (Original) The heavy-vehicle tire according Claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an alkyl alkoxysilane covering agent for the reinforcing white filler.

25. (New) The heavy-vehicle tire according to claim 1 wherein the silica is present in the composition in an amount of from 20 phr to 80 phr (parts by weight of the elastomeric matrix).